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NOTABLE DEATHS

L. J. PALDA was born at Vodian, Bohemia, October 28, 1847; he died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 9, 1913. At the early age of fourteen years he went to Vienna and learned the trade of silk weaver, educating himself in his spare moments, and by travel through Germany and Switzerland. In 1867 he emigrated to the United States, making short stays in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York and Michigan, working as a common laborer, painter, weaver and cigar maker. In 1870 he began editorial work on the *National News*, a Bohemian paper published in Chicago. He soon returned to the cigar manufacturing business which he followed for many years in connection with his literary labors. In 1875 he commenced publishing a labor paper called the *Workingman's News*, which while published at New York was known as the most influential Bohemian publication in this country. Mr. Palda became prominent among labor organizations as a lecturer and as an organizer of workmen's associations throughout the country. In 1879 he removed to Cedar Rapids where he was an influential and honored citizen until his death. He was correspondent for several newspapers in the United States and was interested in the educational work of his city.

CASSIUS M. BROWN was born in Knox county, Ohio, November 7, 1845; he died at Sigourney, Iowa, May 8, 1913. He received his education in the common schools of his native county and was student for some time of Kenyon College. His early life was that of a farmer. He enlisted in the 142d Ohio Volunteers and served until the close of the war. He removed to Iowa in 1868, settling in Muscatine and taking up the study of law in the office of Hon. Thomas Hanna. He graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1871, and removed the same year to Sigourney where he formed a partnership with Hon. E. S. Sampson. He was elected State Senator from the Twelfth District and served during the Nineteenth and Twentieth General Assemblies.

THOMAS A. THORNBURG was born in Wayne county, Indiana, April 9, 1847; he died at his home in Linden, Iowa, July 1, 1912. He came with his parents to Dallas county, Iowa, in 1856, and acquired his education in the public schools and at the State University of Iowa. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company C, Forty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, and served until mustered out in the fall of 1864. He returned home, finished his course at the university, and then engaged in farming and stock raising which he followed very successfully throughout his lifetime. He was interested for many years in the township and school affairs of his district and served as member of the House of Representatives from Dallas county in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies.

JOHN F. WADE was born in Burlington, Vermont, April 7, 1859; he died at Des Moines, September 16, 1913. He removed with his parents to Butler county, Iowa, at an early age and received his education in the common schools of this State. He engaged in

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